

Questionable shootings raise tensions in Custer County

By Brian Daffron

Within the heart of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal jurisdiction in western Oklahoma sits Custer County. The county’s namesake made a name for himself as an “Indian Fighter” by attacking Black Kettle’s village on the Washita River in 1868—four years after Black Kettle survived the Sand Creek Massacre of 1864.

In the past few years, Custer has found itself linked again to the mysterious deaths of Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members. On June 28, 2012, police officers in the city of Clinton, within Custer County, shot and killed 34-year-old Benjamin Whiteshield outside of their police station. According to the Oklahoman, Whiteshield’s family took him to the police station to get help for an alleged delusional episode. The report said that Whiteshield was armed with a crescent wrench, but nothing in the news report stated whether or not he threatened or attacked any police officers.



On June 28, 2012, police officers in the city of Clinton, within Custer County, shot and killed 34-year-old Benjamin Whiteshield outside of their police station.

The end of 2013 saw another Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member, Mah-hi-vist (Red Bird) Touching Cloud Goodblanket, die under questionable circumstances. Although details of the case are still pending and under investigation, several details have surfaced about the shooting near Clinton.

Before December 21, 18-year-old Goodblanket had his whole life ahead of him. Raised in a traditional home, he had already toured Europe as a youth ambassador in his early teens. Graduating high school one year ahead of



Photo courtesy of Melissa Goodblanket
Ahk-ta-na-hi Goodblanket, 14 with his brother Mah-hi-vist. The two spent many hours together prior to the shooting death of Mah-hi-vist by Custer County Sheriff’s deputies on Dec. 21, 2013.

schedule, he began his college education at Haskell Indian Nations University and was in the midst of transferring to the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribal College in nearby Weatherford, which is also in Custer County. He had also met the love of his young life.

“I would say that this young man was full of love, respect and honor for all ancient knowledge, tribal customs, and ceremonies,” said his mother, Melissa Goodblanket. “Fun-loving, he liked to make people laugh. Always had a hello for all his relatives, wherever he may have seen them.”

Goodblanket said that her son had been diagnosed with Oppositional Defiant Disorder four years previously, and had triggers that caused him to become upset on occasion. On the night of Goodblanket’s death, the

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Oklahoma ABLÉ Commission propose tribes forgo immunity to sell alcohol

By Rosemary Stephens
Editor-in-Chief

The Oklahoma ABLÉ seven member commission recently unanimously voted for a rule change that would require tribes to waive immunity in cases of over serving alcohol when applying for a liquor license. The Oklahoma liquor regulators want to end Tribal immunity from lawsuits over the actions of someone who was served too much alcohol.

This legal liability currently applies to establishments that serve alcohol under Oklahoma law, but a state Supreme Court ruling in September 2013 found a tribe couldn’t be sued because the tribe had not waived its sovereign immunity when applying for the liquor license.

The commission’s attorney told commissioners it probably won’t be popular with state tribal casinos and likely will end up in court.

The rule change proposal comes after the Supreme Court ruled that the Peoria tribe could not be sued for

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Life’s Journeys

Wisdom, truth and serenity envelopes this elder’s heart

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales



Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Jacob “Nick” Blackbear is surrounded by ceremonial fans as he sits in his room at the Geary Nursing Home, where he calls home.

Jacob “Nick” Black Bear sits surrounded with ceremonial fans that hang on the walls of his room at the Geary Nursing Home that he calls home. He moves slowly and stares at you with eyes that have seen much in his 75 years of life. A wise and quiet man, who overcame prejudice and heartache through his Cheyenne ceremonial ways.

Black Bear was born Aug. 8, 1938 in Kingfisher County, Oklahoma. He likes to wear his silver long hair in leather wrapped braids and is proud to say he is a full blood Cheyenne. “That was a long time ago,” Black Bear said referring to the day of his birth.

For Black Bear, an Indian boy growing up in Kingfisher, Okla. was a challenge.

“I can remember the town of Kingfisher and how the buildings have changed over the years. Mostly the people I used to see have changed. The Indian people were poor, and there were blacks that lived across town, but the town’s people would not let them come into town. I remember there was this one store and the blacks would go to the back of it for the store

owner to get their list of groceries and fill up what they needed,” Black Bear said. “The town people of Kingfisher were very prejudice to Indians and blacks and it still exists today.”

Black Bear shared about his own personal experience with prejudice.

“I was a victim of prejudice all through out my school years. The teachers did not care about teaching me anything. All that mattered to them was to come to school and just be there. Most of the time all I did was draw pictures. There is one memory that stands out and I have never forgotten it. I was in about the fourth grade and our teacher would walk around the class with a ruler in her hand. She would stop at me to look at my skin, my hair, check behind my ears and my neck then she would look at my hands and arms and take her hands and rub my skin real hard and say to me, ‘you need to use more bear grease,’ she thought I was dirty. She was totally ignorant.”

Black Bear’s roundish face was heavily lined, and the small amount of

silvery hair that escaped from around his leather wrapped braids had very much its own ideas about how it wished to arrange itself, just as his school teachers wished to arrange him.

“I went as far as I could, after putting up with all that abuse from my teachers at Kingfisher. I made it half way through the tenth grade. I was abused because of my color, my ear that I cannot hear out of very well and because I was Indian. I was called all kinds of names; they even went as far as calling me a nigger. That hurt me,” Black Bear said.

Black Bear said he got fed up with system and the treatment from the schoolteachers that made him feel like he was ignorant.

“Well I quit,” Black Bear, told his mother after he walked through the doors of his home. “My mom did not ask me why I had quit school. I told her I would start working anywhere I can so that I can help take care of the family. That was my start at learning how to work.”

He revealed how hard it was for a country Cheyenne boy to get a good job back in

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Gov. Hamilton and Lt. Gov. Sankey invite All Tribal Members to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Shareholder Meetings.

All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. Meal and transportation will be furnished.

(See transportation schedule on pg 2.)

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Clinton, Okla.**

**Feb. 6
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Greetings from the Governor

It's been a hectic and busy first month for us as your new Governor and Lt. Governor. We would like to, again, thank all the people who supported us during our campaign and for your continued support as we begin this amazing journey into a new era for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

We have recently announced our "Shareholder Meetings" beginning in February 2014. (See schedule on front page of Tribal Tribune.) We look forward to visiting with all tribal members and sharing important information that affects all our Tribal members.

As part of our initiative to implement positive change within our Tribes, I would like to introduce our new senior leadership team:

Chief Administrative Officer, Christopher Roman Nose

Executive Director of Administration, Cecil Gray

Executive Director of Education, Gordon Yellowman (Interim)

Executive Director of Enrollment, Carrie Whitlow

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Treasury, Clark Batson (Interim)

Executive Director of Health, Nicholas Barton

Executive Director of Housing, William Tallbear

Executive Director of Social Services, Nikki Factor-Navarro

Each one listed above is looking forward to serving Tribal members in their respective areas and welcome all constructive suggestions.

Lt. Gov. Sankey and I have also made several management changes within our Lucky Star Casino enterprises. Brian Foster, Barbara Paukei, Samuel Barnett and Karin Christensen are no longer employed with our casinos and we have put into place a new dynamic team we feel will move our casinos forward into the new millennium. They are:

Tribal member, Chris Derenzo, General Manager of all casinos

Tribal member, Tracer Hamilton, Assistant General Manager – Travel Plaza, Concho

Tribal member, Mack Haag, acting Assistant Gen-

eral Manager – Lucky Star Concho

Ron Cline, acting Assistant General Manager – Lucky Star Clinton

Tribal member, Kara Faris, acting Assistant General Manager – Lucky Star Watonga

Tribal member, Hannah Little Coyote, acting Assistant General Manager – Lucky Star Canton.

Also, effective immediately, we have replaced the Cheyenne and Arapaho Attorney General, Charlie Morris with Mr. Albert Ghezzi as our new interim Attorney General for the tribes.

And finally, during our first month in office, we have put a stop to wasteful spending of our tribal monies. We will be evaluating the best way to use resources such as lobbyists, lawyers, advertising companies and entertainment groups.

We look forward to the Shareholder Meetings in February. These meetings will be very future-focused. We will concentrate largely on our financial picture, our business operations and



our core services, from this point going forward. Our focus every day is on the people of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribe.

Service to tribal members is our top priority right now. Despite controversies of the past, citizens of our tribe are relying on tribal leadership to ensure that vital programs and services can continue.

We look forward to visiting with each of you during the Shareholder meetings, to answer all your questions.

Sincerely,
Governor Eddie Hamilton

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The Constitution requires the Governor to accept letters of interest from qualified tribal members who wish to serve on the election commission. The Constitution also requires that vacancies on the election commission are filled by nomination of the Governor and confirmation by the legislature. Election Commission members must be from their respective districts, possess a minimum of a high school degree of GED, and cannot have a felony conviction.

Any qualified tribal member who is interested in serving on the election commission, please submit a letter of interest to the Office of the Governor by February 27, 2014 by 5:00 pm. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Governor at 405.422.7734

Honoring the memory of Doyle Lonelodge, R.E.Sp.E.C.T. hosts seventh annual basketball tournament

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

For the seventh year running, the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program hosts the Doyle Lonelodge Memorial Basketball tournament held Jan. 25, 2014 at the Clinton R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Gym in Clinton, Okla.

This year's roster included nine men's teams and two women's teams. Games began at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning and lasted late into the night.

Placing first in the men's division were the CA UNIFD and in the women's division, the Nebi's. Runner ups were, men's division, the Bombers and in the women's division, the Lady Thunder. Placing third in the men's division were the Prospects.

The memorial tournament was created in honor of Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member, Doyle Lonelodge, who passed away from

cancer June 27, 2006. Doyle was a long time employee of the tribes' working for the EOTS/TERO department for many years.

"Doyle was a wonderful husband and father to Denise and his kids Doyle Jr. Trent, Tommy, and Latoya. He was friendly, respectful and kind to all his fellow co-workers and friends who knew him," Parry Roman Nose said. "I was honored to have known Doyle. He was the one who introduced me to officiating basketball games. He also would come and play pickup basketball with us at the park or Darlington."

Doyle played basketball on the college level when he was younger and continued to play in many Indian basketball tournaments throughout his adult life. He was also a basketball referee at Darlington School for many years.

Roman Nose said the tournament, opened to tribally enrolled members only because, "we wanted our people to always remember why we have the tournament ... to honor one of our own."

Doyle's wife, Denise, attends every year and has been touched by the participation of all the tribal members who come in Doyle's honor.

"Doyle was a very humble man and would have been very proud that many ball players would come and compete in his honor," Denise said. "The entire Lonelodge family would like to thank the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program for hosting the event every year, the players and everyone who participates. I hope to see everyone again next year."



Doyle Lonelodge



Doyle Lonelodge played college level basketball during his early years.



Doyle Lonelodge Memorial Basketball tournament first place winners. Above, the CA UNIFD. Below, the NEBI's.



Second place, men's division, the Bombers.



Above second place women's division, the Lady Thunders and below, third place winners, the Prospects.



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Transportation Proposal
By
Tribal Transit Program

Tribal Transit Program will provide transportation services to and from the cities/towns identified below at the times identified for the Share Holder's Meetings to be held in Clinton, Canton, Watonga and Concho, OK at 6:30 p.m. respectively.

Proposal Price: \$660.00
(Price includes fuel, oil, maintenance of vehicles, and driver expenses)

Executive Office Acceptance:

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Elk City 5:20 p.m. depart Loves Travel Stop 2703 E Hwy 66	Seiling 5:30 p.m. depart Community Hall 411 North Main Street	Watonga 5:20 p.m. Destination Community Center 1306 S Clarence Nash Blvd	Concho 6:30 p.m. Destination Community Center 200 Wolf Robe Circle
Clinton 5:55 p.m. Destination Community Center 2015 Dogpatch Rd	Canton 6:00 p.m. Destination Community Center 206 North Jefferson	Kingfisher 5:50 p.m. depart Loves 203 S Main Street	
Weatherford 6:15 p.m. depart Hutch's 309 West Main St	Longdale 6:15 p.m. depart Jiffy Trip Hwy 58 & 1 st Street	Watonga 6:30 p.m. Destination Community Center 1306 S Clarence Nash Blvd	
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Geary	9:30 a.m.	North Store
Kingfisher	9:30 a.m.	Walmart
Oklahoma City	9:00 a.m.	Walmart(MacArthur)
El Reno	9:30 a.m.	Walmart
Hammon	7:30 a.m.	Community Building
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Clinton	8:30 a.m.	Homeland
Weatherford	9:00 a.m.	Old HOMELAND
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Government owes 30,000 Indians royalties for land but can't find them

By Dan Frosch

Ervin Chavez remembers hearing talk around the Navajo reservation when he was young of money owed to American Indian families by the federal government for land debts.

Now 60, Chavez is one of the recipients of a \$2.4 billion settlement that is being paid to Indians, over royalties for land that was held in trust by the government and never reimbursed in full.

But as the payments are being made, more than 100 years after the trust program began, tens of thousands of Indians who are owed money cannot be located.

For months now lawyers, specialized settlement administrators and volunteers like Chavez have fanned out across reservations trying to track down those who are owed money.

“A lot of people out here don’t even know that they have an allotment,” Chavez, who lives on the Navajo reservation’s edge in New Mexico, said. “It was something their grandparents or parents had always taken care of, and they had no idea they had ownership of land.”

About half a million Indians are eligible for payments, which vary in amount from hundreds to tens of thousands of dollars, depending on how much income their land generated. More than 30,000 tribal members have not yet been located. Some may have moved or died or are unaware they are eligible. The government has simply lost track of others.

All are owed at least \$800, and in many cases, thousands more. The total owed to missing beneficia-

ries is approximately \$32 million, according to Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton, a law firm that worked on the settlement and is involved in locating tribal members.

David Smith, a lawyer with the firm, said the large number of missing beneficiaries illustrated how the Indian land trust program administered by the Interior Department, was mishandled.

“Historically, there is no question that the government mismanaged these accounts and should have known where these people were,” Smith said. “Individual Indians are sometimes some of the poorest people in this country and the absence of that money has caused significant hardship.”

The dispute over the trust program dates to 1887, when Congress carved tribal lands, mostly across the west, into small plots, and assigned them to individual Indians. The land was leased for grazing, mining and other uses, and royalties were supposed to be paid into accounts set up for tribal members.

But a 1996 lawsuit filed against the Interior Department by Elouise Cobell, a Native American businesswoman from Montana, accused the government of mismanaging the royalties through poor accounting practices.

In 2009, the Cobell set-

tlement, as it has become known, was reached, and it was eventually approved by Congress and President Obama.

Ken Salazar, the secretary of the interior at the time, hailed the settlement as a milestone for Indians, stating it “honorably and responsibly turns the page on an unfortunate chapter in the department’s history.”

Since last year, when the first checks were distributed, 293,000 tribal members have received at least a small portion of what they are owed. A second payment is expected to be made early this year.

The Interior Department initially identified 65,000 beneficiaries whose whereabouts were unknown, prompting a sweeping effort to find them.

Public service announcements have been broadcasted on local television and radio stations and reservation post offices peppered with notices. Dozens of public meetings have been held across tribal lands. Interior Department employees have set up information booths at powwows and other gatherings. Tribal governments have also been involved, poring over membership rolls.

So far, about half of the missing beneficiaries have been found, according to the Garden City Group, a firm appointed by a federal judge in the case to administer the settlement payments.

Many were surprisingly

east to locate, Smith said. Some were even federal employees or tribal officials.

But rural life on sprawling reservations has complicated outreach efforts.

The Garden City Group said one member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma is owed about \$121,000. A member of the Quechan tribes at the Ft. Yuma Reservation in California is due more than \$81,000.

“These are folks who have not been able to be found by the government for a long, long time,” Jennifer Keough, Garden City’s chief operating officer said. “They live in very far reaching places.”

Michele Singer, principal deputy of the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, art of the Interior Department, said her office was committed to reaching recipients of the settlement, and responded to an “overwhelming” number of requests for information.

For Chavez, the need to find those who are owed money is paramount.

“This is money that should be rightfully paid to the landowners,” he said. “It is something that has been going on for many, many years.”

To find out if your name is on the list of individuals who cannot be located visit www.doi.gov/ost/wau/index.cfm, or call toll free (888) 678-6836. You may also write to the Office of the Special Trustee (OST), ATTN: Trust Beneficiary Call Center, 4400 Mastband St., NE, Albuquerque, N.M. 87109.

“One member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma is owed about \$121,000 ...”

BIA faulted for interfering with Cayuga Nation leadership dispute

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) “impermissibly intruded into tribal affairs” by interfering with the leadership of the Cayuga Nation of New York, the Interior Board of Indian Appeals (IBIA) ruled.

A federal administrative appeals board has ruled in favor of the current federally recognized representative of the Cayuga Indian Nation of New York in connection with a long-running tribal leadership dispute.

In two rulings issued Jan. 16, IBIA determined that Clint Halftown remains the tribe’s representative to the federal government. His status has been challenged by a faction that calls itself the Unity Council. The council claims it took steps to remove Halftown under Cayuga Nation law.

In 2011, the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) sided with the Unity Council, but Halftown appealed that

decision and remained in place pending the outcome of the proceedings. BIA had earlier denied an effort to remove Halftown, and that decision was also pending appeal.

The dispute also led to a physical altercation at the nation’s Seneca County office’s in October 2011. Both rulings issued last week state Halftown remains the federal representative, a status that’s key to the direction the nation takes with its economic development efforts.

Halftown has guided efforts to open gambling enterprises on nation-owned lands and has been working to have lands placed into federal trust, which would exempt the tribe from local laws and property taxes.

The Unity Council agrees that the tribe should have those exemptions, but it is against gambling as an economic development strategy.

The Unity Council issued a state-

ment Tuesday expressing disappointment in the new federal rulings.

“This administrative decision points out a problem with the BIA process followed in 2011 but has no bearing on the legitimacy of the Nation’s leadership,” said Unity Council attorney Joe Heath in a press release. “We are investigating all the legal options to ensure the United States properly and timely recognizes the authorized government of the Cayuga Nation.”

“We welcome this decision by the Board which affirms Mr. Halftown’s proper place as Nation representative,” said Cayuga Nation spokesperson Andy Hoglund in a news release.

Hoglund said the ruling would allow everyone involved to “put behind them the distraction created by a few Nation members and to continue their work to advance interests of the Cayuga Nation as a whole.”

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Brian Jai Keith, recipient of Richard W. West art scholarship

My name is Brian Jai Keith; I am an enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma and I also belong to the Tewa Bear Clan. I am a freshman at the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) in Santa Fe, N.M. pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Studio Arts. My father is Brian Darrell Keith and my mother is Wilma Lee Dengavi. I was raised traditionally learning the stories and traditions of my native peoples ancestry.

My father encouraged me to attend IAIA because he believed in my artistic abilities, seen potential with room for improvement and understood my need for progress. I have wanted to go to school at IAIA for some time, with his continuous inspiration to pursue my artistic talents at this school, it drove me to make the most of what was offered to me.

In my upbringing my world was surrounded by traditional art and designs in one form or another. My grandmother was a well-recognized potter in her days and my grandfather had proven to be quite a unique craftsman from the various contraptions he left around the house. My late uncle was a great artist and a particular inspiration to me to learn how to paint, draw and assemble creatively. I always enjoyed comparing my creativity to his in hopes to one day have the same effect as he did with his work.

During the Fall 2013 semester, I stayed in the dormitory on IAIA campus and my 5 classes were very intriguing. My classes, grades and some insight to them are as follows.

1) Strategies and Skills for Academic Success “A+”
This class helped with day-to-day functions of a college student and my final was to fly a single engine airplane, which I did on December 13, 2013.

2) Color Theory “A”
This class was quite helpful in learning how to complement colors, paint a color wheel and understand how to complete some of my existing work so that my creations and ideas bloomed with proper color coordination. The most challenging part of this class was a self-portrait done in acrylic paints.

3) English 102 “A”

This was one of my most enjoyable classes given that writing is one of my greater strengths. This class allowed me to think deeply and philosophically towards my outlook on life.

4) Intro to 3-D “A”
This class was one of my most satisfying and rewarding classes because all the information that was presented in Launching the Imagination text was enhancing my understanding of the art around me as well as what I created as each assignment was completed.

5) Tech 101 “B+”
This class helped me to understand a lot more about technology, how to use programs such as Power Point, Excel, Prezi, and Word without the fear of pushing the wrong buttons.

I want to sincerely thank the Richard W. West Art Scholarship and Henry J. Kaiser Family foundation and other contributors of this scholarship, from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity to go back to school. It has been close to 17 years since I have been fully engaged as a full time student. The adjustments to this and campus life have been exciting, and have taken a considerable amount of my efforts to fully grasp the fact that I was actually in school. I was so happy to be there and be in charge of my own life again.

I am a survivor of a hard life that was crippled with neurological disorders for the first 32 years of my life by a brain tumor. Life for me growing up with such a condition has been painfully incomprehensible. In the fall of 2003 I had brain surgery at the Barrows Neurological Institute in Phoenix, Ariz. to remove this tumor that had tormented me for too long.

To this day I have been without an episode for close to 8 years. The struggle to rebuild my new life has been a continuous journey of exploring unknown boundaries and enjoying new comforts for my soul. Now that I am a fully-grown man, those ill-begotten events and memories that plagued me in a past life are not worth grieving over any more. Now that the scars and haunting memories drift further away into the winds of change, I push forward on to greater and better things in my life. My destination is not so complicated any more now



that I have found my path in the world of art.
My strengths in the art world range from my tastes of mediums, which include drawing, painting, cane making, jewelry, poetry, creative writing and photography. I want to expand my horizons in sculpture, jewelry, and photography. My drawing skills have already been enhanced with my understandings of color theory and I’m looking forward to completing the 2-D and drawing classes.
I am thankful to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Higher Education Program for the scholarship award in Fall 2013 and for the help and understanding they gave me. Thank you for overseeing the Richard W. West Art Scholarship and making it possible for Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal students to apply for this great scholarship.
The information that I am learning is helpful and fun. I apply it to my daily understandings of the world of art.
Sincerely, Brian Jai Keith, Cheyenne/Tewa/Hopi.

High School Seniors - Now is the time to act

It’s that time of year again....Do you have a high school senior that will be graduating in May? Do you know there is graduation assistance available from the tribes? Have you spoken with Higher Education yet?

Now is the time to act!
The Cheyenne-Arapaho tribes’ Higher Education Program offers high school Graduation Assistance for eligible Cheyenne and Arapaho seniors who will graduate in May. Students are eligible to receive \$100 in graduation assistance to apply toward seniors expenses,

such as cap/gown and announcements.
The following documents are required:
1. A letter from school register/counselor stating the senior has enough credits to graduate in May 2014.
2. A CDIB from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Enrollment office. They may be reached at (405) 422-7600.
3. A copy of the order form or invoice with a balance due; be sure the vendor/company is clearly listed. All payments issued will be sent directly to vendor.
4. A completed Gaming Application.

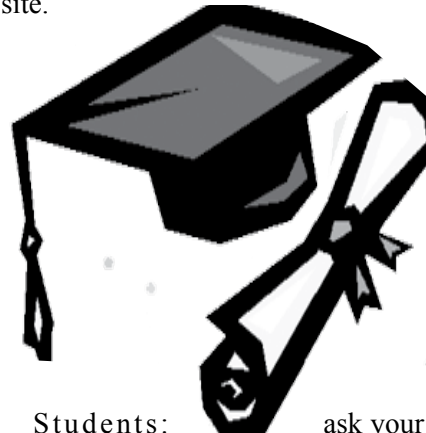
The application can be found on our website www.c-a-tribes.org/education.
Please mail all documents to:Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Attn: Higher Education, P.O. Box 167, Concho, OK 73022
Once application is received, student will be placed on the list for the Graduation Banquet hosted in May by the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Department of Education. Any questions or concerns, please contact the Higher Education Program at (405) 422-7653 or (405) 422-7646.

ATTENTION: High School Seniors, Parents, College Students FAFSA Applications are due to be completed now

Students who will attend college in the 2014-2015 academic year, January is the time to send in your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application. New applicants must first go to www.fafsa.ed.gov and apply for a pin number. The pin number will be sent to your e-mail address or your home address. Once you have received your pin number and have income information available, (such as a copy of your parents Income Tax Report, social security benefits, etc.) you can then go to the same website and complete your application online. Your pin number will suffice as your signature. Keep your pin number in a safe place as you will be required to use it throughout your college years.

Parents: please complete your income tax report early so your student can then use the information to submit their FAFSA application. If you have not been employed but receive income from other sources, that can be reported as income on the FAFSA application. Your child may be eligible to receive this free scholarship based on the income information you provide. Certain free scholarship grants are given to early applicants, such as the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG). The OTAG Program has limited funds and once those funds have been disbursed, there is nothing left for late applicants. Many of our students do not receive OTAG funds, simply because they do not complete a FAFSA application early. Parents of students under the age of 24 years

old must be involved in their child’s college preparation. Don’t wait until the month before school starts to complete this much needed FAFSA application, do it now so your child may be eligible to receive extra funds. There is a FAFSA Priority Deadline so be sure to have your FAFSA submitted ahead of this deadline. Check your FAFSA website.



Students: ask your high school counselor to help you and if you cannot get assistance from them, call our office (405) 422-7653 and a counselor or other staff will assist you. Send an e-mail to ttahdooahnippah@c-a-tribes.org if you need assistance, or to wwhiteman@c-a-tribes.org.

Students who are under 24 years old; are not married; have no dependents; have not been in the military; and are not wards of the court, must have parent income information or income tax information, if one was filed. Students, please ask your parents for a copy of their income tax forms so you can complete the FAFSA application now. All income sources should be listed on the FAFSA application. For example:

employment, social security benefits, veterans benefits, unemployment benefits, food stamps, retirement benefits, disability benefits, IIM monies, are just some examples but all income needs to be listed on the FAFSA application. You may be required to provide a copy of the income you listed and/or a copy of your income tax report. At present, if a student has a zero index number they should be eligible to receive a PELL grant maximum amount of approximately \$2,775 per semester. Early applicants may be eligible for \$500 additional funds from OTAG.
Returning students know the process and are encouraged to do their FAFSA applications immediately. If you are not sure you will attend school in the fall, submit your FAFSA anyway and if you are able to attend then you will have made the deadline. If you are unable to attend that school, FAFSA funds will not be disbursed unless you have enrolled, accepted and signed the student financial aid paperwork. If you are not sure which school you will attend, you may list several schools. A new FAFSA application is due at the beginning of each year The BIA-HIE application is due June 1st each year and can be copied from our tribal website, [www.c-a-tribes.org/programs/higher education](http://www.c-a-tribes.org/programs/higher%20education), application requirements, and there are five pages to be copied.

Tribal students who are applying for a BIA-HIE scholarship are required to apply for the FAFSA.

Tribal member attains electric engineering degree



Craig Dubose with his father Wayne Dubose.

When Craig Dubose went to the School of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Virginia in his late teens and early twenties, he had little interest in doing well academically.
“I was too busy enjoying all of the new experiences, the variety of people, and the partying. Consequently, although my intelligence allowed me to just about scrape by for a period of time, my apathy eventually caught up with me and I was placed on indefinite academic suspension.
Approximately a decade later, I had matured and left my wild days behind me, as it were. I contacted the university and, after submitting references and a graduation plan, they agreed to let me return to complete the final semester of my electrical engineering degree at the University of Virginia.
The complicating factor was the 2.0 GPA requirement for graduation. I had done so poorly previously that my GPA was a lowly 1.8. As such I calculated that, although I was only four classes short of completing my course, in order to reach the requirements for graduating I would need to take a fifth class and would have to achieve an A in every class.
So, last August, I left my job in the United Kingdom and travelled to Charlottesville, Virginia for the Fall semester. Dedicating myself to

the task, I ate, slept, studied, exercised, and did not much else. The hard work did pay off, I finished the semester with a 4.0 GPA, three A+s in my classes, Intro to Astronomy, Senior Project, System Modeling and two As one in Computer Networks and Probability and Statistics. I earned my Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering.
I am now back in the UK looking for a job, perhaps pivoting slightly from my previous job, International Technical Support Engineer. It will be important that whatever the job, they be willing to pay for my next degree.
On a personal note, I am recently engaged on Jan. 17.
Throughout this process, the support of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Higher Education Program was invaluable. They provided funds toward tuition and also sent a supplement which alleviated some financial pressures and allowed me to concentrate on my studies.
In addition, the personal encouragement that I received from the department was much appreciated. I found myself occasionally slipping into despair at the difficulty of the task. In those moments, it’s hard to understand how even just a few words of encouragement can help you push through the wall.

Elder’s story

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the early 1950s without an education.

“Some places I would go to apply for work would tell me you have to have experience. I had none what so ever and I wasn’t given any experience either. I would tell them how can I have experience if you don’t hire me,” Black Bear expressed. “I believe that was the white mans way of keeping the Indian out of the work force, they did not want us to come into their companies or stores cause they thought we were thieves and we carried disease.”

Black Bear said in those days there was a lot of tuberculosis around.

“The white people heard about the sickness and so they thought we all carried the disease, but they were the ones that had the disease. They were the ones that brought disease to the United States. When Christopher Columbus came to America he brought every disease and illness along with him and his men. Some of them were even sexual disease, because the way they treated women. They raped and assaulted women. So when they reached America, they did the same thing to the Indian woman.”

Black Bear paused for a moment, “I got a little off track there.”

Black Bear eventually took on odd jobs with local farmers and later a job as a garbage man. Then a defining moment in Black Bear’s life came when his brother told him about a Native American college scholarship that was available for him to use.

“I went to Arizona to go to school on a Native American scholarship, my brother was a preacher at that time for the Methodist Church and he told me about the scholarship. So I said to him, ‘yeah man, I can’t be a garbage man my whole life.’ So I went to Cook Christian Training School. The scholarship was for all Native Americans, some were studying to be preachers and missionaries. Some, like me, went to get a G.E.D. and then go on to college. There were two dormitories for men and women. They also had other buildings for activities. It was all very new to me. I had never been to something like that. I thought to myself, this must have been how boarding school was,” Black Bear laughed. “I adapted to it and met other Indians from other places ... boy that was good. They were very quiet and to them I was different, cause I spoke a lot, laughed a lot, I did things like shopping and drove a car. They all noticed that, but I did not think anything of it. I got my G.E.D. and the school offered a course in radio broadcasting. I had an instructor from Oklahoma who was part Cherokee. He encouraged me to become a D.J. So I trained to be a D.J. There were these small rooms that I would practice in with the equipment, a microphone, turntables and a whole lot of buttons. I would pick records out of the library and was given a tape. I turned on the microphone and got started. It all sounds so easy now, but back then I about had a nervous break down the first few times I got in that room. It was difficult doing several things at once.”

Black Bear’s deep wrinkles seemed to carve a map of his life on his still agile and mobile facial features. His twinkling eyes were framed by thick grey eyebrows and evidence of the joy he felt as he told of being the first Native American D.J. in Arizona.

“The more I D.J.’d the easier it got. I did not practice very long, maybe two weeks. One day I was in the hall way at my school standing, looking at the bulletin board and someone came running at me yelling my name. I turned and asked him

what he wanted. He said your going to take over ... your on the board. They had taken the other DJ off the air and put him in the office, because that was his expertise. So I went into the room, sat down and my mind went blank. Thank God he had a long record on to give me a chance to relax. So I pulled records for the listeners,” Black Bear was ecstatic. “Man that was a wonderful time, playing all that music, country western, rock-n-roll and hip-hop, I did not care too much for Jazz and I still don’t. Man that was a wonderful time. After those four hours I was such a nervous wreck I had to go out and buy me a coca-cola.”

With the passing of time, Blackbear could not recall at what age he began his D.J. career, only the joy of being one of the first Native American D.J.s in a time where it wasn’t heard of.

“I went back to the dorm and I rested. I thought to myself, that was fun and I could see myself as a D.J., so I wrote home and told my family about it. Over time I got better, which amazed me,” Black Bear cheerfully said. “Here was a country boy with a full time job at KMCR a college radio station. I continued to be a D.J. and I decided to enroll myself at the junior college there in Phoenix. I would go to classes and work four to six hours at the radio station. I was the first Native American D.J. to have a Native American radio program and I continued the program for five years.”

Black Bear rubbed his shoulder that ached, his constant companion. His memories, he said warmed him, sometimes drawing a smile and other times a tear.

“I would like to talk about family and praying the Cheyenne way. My dad used to put a small skillet on the wood stove to let it get hot and put cedar in it from out of his pouch. He would say a prayer, stand there a while and meditate. As a small boy I did not know what he was doing at the time and I did not realize he was praying the Cheyenne way,” Black Bear softly said. “The smoke would fill the whole room and the odor would drift off to other rooms in the house. He told me that it would keep the bad spirits away. He would do it regularly to keep the bad spirits away from our family and to keep us healthy.

My family is all raised in ceremonial ways, through Sundance and Sacred Arrow doings. I have a brother that is a priest, and they call him an Arrow Priest and another one that is a Sundance Priest. They have both learned a lot of things that a person would not have learned everyday out here in the world. These things are spiritual. I am no priest and I have helped in these ceremonies along side my brothers. I was there just watching and learning and I did what ever they told me to do. I followed orders.”

Black Bear said the times in the tipi were a very moving experience.

“It was a humbling experience ... it would make me cry,” Black Bear said as tears flowed down his face. “When I heard the prayer that would make me cry too, because I remembered all the past ... good, bad and all my relatives that have passed on. The prayer makes me think about things so deep. I would just sit there and cry in the tipi. When I looked up I was not the only one. It is a very humbling experience. The men were praying to the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, the almighty, Maheo. All of these are holy, they’ve got names, but they are all creator of all things. Maheo means God, the almighty creator above all things.”

Black Bear’s voice was slow with emotion and he stum-

bled on his words at times. Sometimes he was overtaken by emotions that had been buried for decades and he would have to pause. One memory left him with heartache.

“When I lived in Arizona and was still working as a D.J., I met my first wife at a powwow there in Scottsdale. Her mother was there and introduced me to her daughter. She was beautiful. She had long blonde hair and blue eyes. I was attracted to her right a way. We started dating and got to know each other. So eventually we moved in together, which was a mistake. She wanted to learn about Indian ways, but did not have enough understanding or patience, so in time we got tired of each other. She left me, filed a divorce and took my two boys with her back to California. Her mother was instrumental in the divorce,” Black Bear rapidly said. “I decided to go back home to Oklahoma and went to work for the tribes for a while and then politics got involved and I was sent a letter that said I was not doing my job ... man those people could lie and I became unemployed real quick,” Black Bear said.

The wizened elderly man was then in his late 30s early 40s and working in Watonga as a drug counselor.

“My age was a factor in getting a job. I was a victim of discrimination again because of my age. The only ones who did not discriminate were the tribes, but you had to deal with the politics. The tribal leaders were not fair and I don’t think they will ever be fair, even with the new administration. There is a lot of living that a person has to do to learn about how to treat people and how to run your business, mainly treating people right and doing good for others not what is good for you,” Black Bear smiled. “There I go again, getting off track.”

After a time of speaking Black Bear was interrupted by his physician, who came into his room with a nurse at the Geary Nursing home to check his blood sugar level.

The nurse poked his finger real quick and found his sugar levels were too low. “Let me get you some insulin,” the nurse said.

The nurse and physician left the room and Black Bear went right back to the memory he left off with.

“Bessie Oklahoma is where I eventually went to work. It is a real small town and the tribes used the funds they got for the health program to rent out an elementary school and we set up the Drug and Alcohol Program and a half way house. The tribe needed someone to operate that place, so I went. We taught the 12 Step Program and it was all for good. We taught them how to live and treat people. It was about others not you; it was really good they learned to pass on the message. If a person is going to be a teacher you better know what you’re talking about. Me, I am no teacher, I don’t have no title, no degree, I am just a resident here at Geary Nursing Home, an elder,” Black Bear smiled. “I turned elder real fast.”

Black Bear is swimming in the tidewater of his seventh decade. He has become weary over the course of time and he still carries heartache due to having very little time with his sons over the course of years.

“My sons don’t understand that there are two sides to every story and unfortunately my side has never been truly heard. There mother has made sure of that, but I do know that I have six grandchildren and I like to believe they are good kids, I am certain they are,” Black Bear said with a longing in his voice. “God has blessed me through out my years and I know he will continue to do so.”

Apple Slice Pancakes

Cooking with USDA Foods

Furnished by the Food Distribution Program

- 1 Granny Smith apple
- 1-1/4 cups pancake mix (any type)
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 egg
- 2 tsps. vegetable oil
- 1 cup low fat milk

Directions:

Lightly coat a griddle or skillet with cooking spray and heat over medium heat.

Peel, core and thinly slice apple into rings.

In a large mixing bowl combine ingredients for pancake batter. Stir until ingredients are evenly moist. (Small lumps are okay.) Over mixing makes pancakes tough.

For each pancake, place apple ring on griddle and pour about ¼ cup batter over apple ring, starting in the center and covering apple.

Cook until bubbles appear. Turn and cook other side until lightly brown.

Helpful Hints:

To test the griddle to see if it is hot, sprinkle it with a few drops of water. When the drops sizzle and dance you are ready to cook.

The easiest way to pour the batter onto the hot griddle is to use a ¼ measuring cup for each pancake. If the first pancake is too brown, lower the heat.

For when the unexpected happens...

Starting Monday, January 13, 2014!

Clinton Indian Health Center

Will offer a

WEEKDAY

Convenient Care Clinic.

Convenient care services will be provided from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri

And 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m Wed

No appointment is needed!

Walk-Ins Only

Treatment provided for minor medical needs such as:

Sore Throat	Eye and Skin Infections
Earaches	Insect Bites and Rashes
Sinus Congestion	Minor Cuts and Wounds
Cough	Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhea
Fever	Pregnancy Tests
Bladder Infections	Allergies

Chronic health needs such as diabetes wellness, follow up appointments, routine prenatal care, pain management, and chronic medication refill renewals will require an appointment in the primary care clinic.

The Clinton Indian Health Center is located at 10321 N. 2274 Rd, Clinton, OK 73601.

Just North of the Lucky Star Casino.

BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

Native American Leader’s Forum
Feb. 19-21, 2014 at the Sheraton in New Orleans, LA. For more information or to register visit www.native-nationevents.org.

Basic Budgeting for the Tribal Organization
Feb. 20-21, 2014 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 14th annual Native Women and Men’s Wellness Conference
March 16-19, 2014 at the

Town and Country in San Diego, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.aaii.ou.edu/conferencetrainings/2014-native-women-mens-wellness.

Conducting Credible Tribal Elections
March 17-18, 2014 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Developing Tribal Travel Policies using IRS and OMB Guidelines
March 19-20, 2014 at the

Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Indian Country’s Indirect Cost Summit
March 20-21, 2014 at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Grievance and Appeal Procedures for Human Resources Professionals in Indian Country
March 24-25, 2014 at the

April 7-8, 2014 at the Harrah’s Rincon Casino and Resort in North San Diego, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.native-nationevents.org.

Native American Economic Development and Energy Projects Conference
June 16-17, 2014 at the Disney Grand Californian Hotel and Spa in Anaheim, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.native-nationevents.org.

CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ offer various services to all Tribal members.

Look for this page in the next few issues of the *Tribal Tribune* listing what services are available, description of the services and contact information. The main contact number for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes is (405) 262-0345 or toll free (800) 247-4612.

Johnson O’Malley Program

Contact Information:
Francine Williams or Nakayla Lumpmouth at (405) 422-7658, or visit www.c-a-tribes.org/johnson-omalley

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Johnson O’Malley Program (JOM) is a federally funded program and a supplemental program that assist with the unique educational needs of the student.

Each year the tribes receive funding for all eligible Native American students attending a public school or attending one of the tribes Head Start Programs, and who live within the tribes nine county service area. The list of communities we serve are Calumet, Canton, Canton Head Start, Concho Head Start, Clinton, Clinton Head Start, Darlington, Elk City, Enid, Geary, Hammon, Kingfisher, Mustang, Seiling, Thomas,

Watonga, Weatherford, Woodward, and Yukon.

We have local JOM parent committee’s who assist the JOM Program in providing the needs of their students within their respective communities. The parents who are elected to serve as a parent officer must have a child enrolled with the JOM Program. All parents are encouraged to attend your local JOM meeting, and volunteer your time with special activities. The JOM Program encourages parental involvement.

JOM Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the JOM Program a student must be enrolled (or eligible for enrollment) with one of

the tribes recognized by the federal government.

Students enrolled with a tribe by descendent must show proof of CDIB or parent CDIB, if the child is not enrolled a copy of child’s birth certificate and parent’s CDIB must be submitted to show relationship to parent. Tribes recognized by descent are Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Seminole, Creek, Cherokee-Shawnee, Citizen Band Potawatomi, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma, Eastern Shawnee, Iowa of Kansas and Nebraska, Kaw, Miami, Modoc, Osage, Ottawa, Peoria, Quapaw, Seneca-Cayuga, and Wyandotte.

JOM Educational Support Items

Basic School Supplies
Athletic Shoe Assistance
PE Shoes
Class Fees and Supplies,
Cap and Gown Fees
Class Uniform Fees
Correspondence Course Fee for Graduation
Eyeglass Assistance
Drivers Education Fees
Band Rental Fees
Summer School Fees

Other Services

JOM Incentives are based on grades, on attendance awarded once a year, student Activities, cultural activities, field trip fees, and other school related activities.

Substance Abuse Program

Contact Information:
10320 North Airport Road, Clinton, OK 73601 - (580) 331-2370, Toll Free (800) 259-2150, FAX (580) 323-9406

Vision Statement

Healthy and Recovering tribal members through Individual Choices, Excellent Prevention Services, and Professional Therapy Introduction and Program Philosophy

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes have contracted with Indian Health Service (IHS) to provide substance abuse services. Through this contract the tribes have established a residential treatment program and outreach services.

The George Hawkins Memorial Treatment Center is a non-medical residential, intensive treatment program designed to facilitate the re-

habilitation of the alcohol/substance abuser by placing the client in a highly structured, therapeutic environment.

The structured program includes individual and group counseling, alcohol and substance abuse education, and big book and step-work study. The Program provides group support sessions, traditional and cultural groups as well as recreational activities within a structured environment.

The Treatment Center does not include vocational training or work placement services. Referrals are made to other departments or agencies for training, edu-

cation, work placement and other diagnostic services.

Program Purpose

When entering a residential treatment program, the client is introduced to the concepts of the addiction process and the disease concept. Major issues that are discussed in this setting include denial, emotions, spirituality, co-dependency, and relapse.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Substance Abuse Program offers the client an opportunity to work on physical, spiritual, cultural, psychological, and social issues that for so long have been neglected or repressed. It has all been too often the client returns back

to the community after treatment and neglects the issues that have been touched upon but in no way resolved.

The intention of the Treatment Center is to help the client further understand the disease and work on personal issues that may be the key to a life of sobriety.

Admission Criteria

Must be clean and sober at least seven days prior to admission

The facility meets the standard for handicapped use. The client must be able to follow the basic physical demands of carrying out the basic detail duties that are rotated among clients each week.

Must be at least 18 years of age or older.

Must abide by program policies and procedures. Failure to do so can result in dismissal from the program for non-compliance.

Prior to Admission, client must have completed the admission packet and have on file, physical examination, hepatitis profile and TB/PPD skin test. Plan/Court documents and Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB).

Referral/Discharge

Special and extenuating circumstances are handled on a case by case basis; contact the admissions office for more information (580) 331-2370.

Child Care Program

Contact Information:
Clinton Child Care Center-Charlene Wise, Center Manager (580) 323-1720, cwise@c-a-tribes.org
Concho Child Care Center-Jennifer Riggles, acting Center Manager (405) 422-7661, jriggles@c-a-tribes.org
Tribal Child Care Subsidy Program-Agnes Littlehawk, Intake Specialist (405) 422-7698, alittlehawk@c-a-tribes.org

The purpose of the Child Care Program is to support low-income working families by providing access to affordable, high-quality early care and afterschool programs.

The program provides support for children and their families juggling work schedules and struggling to find child care programs that will fit their needs and that will prepare children to succeed in school.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho

Tribal Child Care Program provides the following two distinct program services;

The first is the two Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Child Care Centers. They are located in Concho and Clinton. The Centers are OKDHS licensed and maintain a 2 Star Status.

The Star level means the Centers have achieved a higher level of quality child care services and are reimbursed at a higher rate for

children receiving OKDHS child subsidy at our facilities.

The centers operate all year long and are open from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily. The ages of children in care are 6 weeks to 12 years of age.

The second is the Tribal Child Care Subsidy Program that assists with the cost of child care for eligible tribal families.

The Tribal Subsidy program eligibility requirements are the child is federally enrolled, resided

within the 11 county service area, parent(s) is working or attending an education program, and fall within the income guidelines.

Once approved parents are allowed freedom of choice to pick an OKDHS licensed child care provider of their choice or relative provider of their choice. Both programs purpose is to provide quality and affordable child care services to tribal children and their families.

Elder Care Program

Contact Information:
Acting Director, Lori Penner, (405) 422-7411, lpenner@c-a-tribes.org
Concho Office: (405) 422-7411, Toll Free: (800) 247-4612 ext. 27411
Clinton Office: (580) 331-2318, FAX: (405) 422-8230

Greetings to all! The Cheyenne & Arapaho Elder Care Program is available to all enrolled tribal members 55 years of age and older. Applicants must provide a copy of their CDIB plus a current state I.D. or drivers license for the initial application, once certified we offer a variety of assistance to help the elder.

We have several caseworkers here in the Concho office as well as our satellite office at Clinton, Okla.

We provide a food card/food voucher on a monthly basis to every eligible client that submits their monthly application. Every 90 days we can assist with utility assistance or rent/mortgage/home payment assis-

tance but not both at the same time. Medical assistance can also be provided every 90 days pending requirements are met and guidelines followed.

We are working with our tribal IT department to get our phone system worked out so we don’t miss any calls/faxes because we know how important this service is to all our

clients.

Our program is making strides to improve on our service so we can assist in a timely manner so no one has to suffer for lost/misplaced paperwork.

Both office locations hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., open during the lunch hour so calls will be answered all day.

Questionable shootings

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family was preparing to attend a Native American Church service near El Reno, east of Clinton, in neighboring Canadian County. Goodblanket’s girlfriend had been visiting the family at their home, and the plan was to drop her off at her family’s home in Weatherford. However, Goodblanket misunderstood and thought his girlfriend was leaving him to end the relationship. In anger, he broke his bedroom window and damaged parts of the home.

Goodblanket’s father, Wilbur Goodblanket, called 911. “My son was tearing up things,” said Wilbur. “He was breaking things. We were more concerned for him hurting himself. I was talking to him at the same time as I was [talking to 911]. At some point, I remember hanging up, because I was trying to calm him down also. We were standing outside, in front of the house.”

Goodblanket’s mother called 911 a second time, asking when assistance would arrive. The parents weren’t concerned about their own safety as much as for their son’s well-being. Although Melissa said she didn’t see a weapon, she told 911 “I think he has a knife.”

An ambulance and officers arrived on the scene, according to accounts from both the Goodblanket family and the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Tribune. Melissa Goodblanket said she requested an assessment from the paramedics. “I was ignored,” she said. Wilbur Goodblanket asked the officers “Don’t shoot my son. Tase him.”

Four officers—two from the Custer County Sheriff’s Department and two Oklahoma Highway Patrol officers—entered the home while the Goodblanket family waited outside. Melissa and Wilbur Goodblanket said it wasn’t long—no more than 45 seconds—until their son’s girlfriend ran out of the house screaming “They shot Bird.”

When the body of Mah-hi-vist was brought out of the house, he was already bagged to be transported to Oklahoma City for the medical examiner’s office. Melissa insisted that she be allowed to pray over her son, which was allowed by investigators. It would be another five days—Thursday January 26—when Melissa and Wilbur would see the body of their son at the funeral home. Wilbur said that he counted seven entry wounds.

Indian Country Today Media Network asked Custer County Sheriff Bruce Peoples if a Taser was used on Goodblanket. Although he declined to comment as to the specifics of the investigation, he said that a Taser was used and that Good-

blanket was armed. A report in the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Tribune on January 1 quoted Peoples stating that Goodblanket threw knives at officers and that one officer shot his own hand off. When asked about the officer, Peoples told ICTMN the officer “lost a finger.”

Jessica Brown, spokesperson for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI), said that the reports are sealed and could take up to six weeks to complete. Although the death has been ruled a homicide with “multiple gunshot wounds” by the state medical examiner’s office, toxicology reports will take the longest to finalize. Upon completion, OSBI will submit the report to the district attorney, and he will decide whether to pursue criminal charges.

The Goodblanket shooting shares similarities to another recent shooting, that of Keith Vidal in Boiling Spring Lakes, North Carolina. In this case, parents called for assistance with their son, who suffered from paranoid schizophrenia. According to CNN, lethal force was used against Vidal after three officers arrived on the scene.

The Whiteshield, Goodblanket and Vidal shootings all raise the question of the adequacy of mental health training for police officers. Although mental health statutes are published in the Oklahoma Sheriffs’ Handbook regarding emergency detention and the transfer of mentally unstable suspects to mental health facilities, little is written in regards to deputies dealing with call concerning those who may be mentally unstable. Ray McNair, the executive director of the Oklahoma Sheriffs Association, said that it was up to each sheriff’s department to create their own policy and procedure.

“There’s nothing blanket in regards to policy and procedure,” said McNair. “No one from [Oklahoma Department of] Mental Health [and Substance Abuse] has established a policy and procedure that I know of.”

McNair said that most training in mental health takes place during police coursework. Following this, two hours of mental health training are required per year as part of a deputy sheriff’s continuing education training.

However, the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police has stronger criteria for municipal police departments dealing with mental health issues. Their crisis evaluation includes establishing whether a person is a danger to self or others on a case by case basis. According to OACP executive director Phil Cotten, Oklahoma’s larger cities such as Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Norman have Crisis Intervention Teams with at



Photos courtesy of Melissa Goodblanket

Wilbur and Melissa Goodblanket, Mah-hi-vist’s parents are seeking answers and justice in the shooting death of their son on Dec. 21, 2013.

least 40 hours of training in crisis mental health situations. When compared with these larger cities, county sheriff departments “don’t have the opportunity to get trained as much or as often,” said Cotten, for dealing with mental health issues. With the loss of their son, the Goodblanket family is working to bring awareness regarding the need for improved training for law enforcement. “We want people to be aware so that [my son’s] life stands for something beautiful and can initiate change on the planet,” said Melissa Goodblanket. “These types of atrocities shouldn’t happen to anyone, anywhere. There needs to be change in policy, change in training.”

Standing with the Goodblanket family is their extended families within the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. Ida Hoffman, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ former Chief of Staff, said that tribal members have not had a favorable relationship with Custer County law enforcement and voiced support for the Goodblanket family.

“This is something of such tragedy for our tribe,” said Hoffman. “We’re not going to let it go. We’re going to stand behind the family and do everything we can as a tribe to help them.”

Three new state appointed board members added to NACEA

By Shoshana Wasserman

OKLAHOMA CITY - Chief Ron Sparkman, The Shawnee Tribe, Barry Switzer, Entrepreneur and Former Head Coach, University of Oklahoma and Bob Burke have all accepted appointments to serve as members of the Board of Directors of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority (NACEA), a state agency established to develop The American Indian Cultural Center and Museum located on the Oklahoma River, east of downtown Oklahoma City.

Speaker T.W. Shannon, appointed Chief Sparkman to fill one of the seven American Indian seats. Gov. Mary Fallin appointed Coach Switzer and Bob Burke to fill two of the seven business community seats on the 17-member Board of Directors. “I am pleased and grateful to Chief Sparkman for his willingness to serve on this board. All Oklahoma citizens benefit when The American Indian Nations in Oklahoma and State leaders work together to create an economically prosperous and culturally enriched state.”

Chief Sparkman has served as Chief of the Shawnee Tribe for 13 years. He served in the Oklahoma 45th Division from 1955 to 1961 and was honorably discharged with a rank of Sergeant E-5. He was a supervisor for Crane Manufacturing Company for ten years and then continued his career as the Executive Director of Community Action for Ottawa, Craig and Delaware Counties in Northeast Oklahoma in 1964. He served as the Executive Director of the Picher Housing Authority until 1974. Since 1974, he has been the Motor License

Agent for the Oklahoma Tax Commission in Ottawa County Oklahoma. He is the President of the Inter-Tribal Council, which is comprised of American Indian Tribes in NE Oklahoma (Shawnee Tribe, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe, Miami Tribe, Modoc Tribe, Ottawa Tribe, the Peoria Tribe of Indians, the Quapaw Tribe, the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe and the Wyandotte Nation). Sparkman was born in central Ottawa county on his families original allotment land. Chief Sparkman says, “I look forward to serving on the Native American Cultural and Education Authority board. I feel this is a very ambitious project for Oklahoma City, as well as the State of Oklahoma. This facility will greatly enhance the public’s knowledge of the thirty nine Tribes that occupy Oklahoma.”

“I am appreciative to both Coach Switzer and Dr. Burke for their enthusiasm to serve on the board. Each is an exceptional individual committed to ensuring the world is aware of our remarkable Oklahoma accomplishments and the state’s unique history,” says Governor Mary Fallin.

Switzer is the former head coach of the University of Oklahoma and the Dallas Cowboys where he was one of only two coaches to win National Championships in both the NCAA and NFL. Mr. Switzer is an accomplished businessman and author who has been involved with many civic and charitable affairs including serving as Honorary Head Coach of the Oklahoma Special Olympics for the past thirty years. Switzer says, “I can’t think of a more worthwhile project

than this cultural center for the people of Oklahoma and our visitors.”

Burke is founder of Bob Burke Law. Dr. Burke has written more historical non-fiction books than anyone else in history, including 117 titles about Oklahoma. In 2011 as part of Governor Fallin’s reform, he rewrote the entire workers’ compensation law (Title 85) in Oklahoma that resulted in passage of SB 878. Dr. Burke offers his expertise in workers compensation law by speaking at more than 100 Continuing Legal Education seminars. Dr. Burke served as Secretary of Commerce under the administration of Oklahoma Governor David Boren and served on the board for the Oklahoma Historical Society as well as many other professional associations and memberships. Burke offers, “This project is long overdue and will be a great addition to help share Oklahoma’s interesting history.”

The Chairman of the NACEA Board, Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, welcomed all three appointments stating, “The dream is about to become a reality and now more than ever we appreciate the leadership and commitment from tribal and business community leaders to ensure this becomes a place of pride for all Oklahoma Citizens.”

About the NACEA The Oklahoma Legislature created the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority, (NACEA) to oversee the construction and operations of The American Indian Cultural Center and Museum for the purpose of generating awareness, understanding and appreciation of the



Bob Burke



Barry Switzer
Entrepreneur & Former Head Coach-OU



Chief Ron Sparkman
The Shawnee Tribe

history of tribes and their relationship to Oklahoma today. The 150,000-square foot Center on 240 acres at the crossroads of Interstates 35 and 40, two of the busiest highways in the country, will serve as a living and interactive historical and cultural center exploring Oklahoma American Indian cultures and heritage.

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Dram-Shop liability in the case Sheffer vs. Buffalo Run Casino, PTE Inc.

Dram-Shop liability refers to the case law governing the liability of bars, liquor stores and other establishments that serve alcoholic beverages. Dram-Shop laws are meant to establish the liability of establishments arising out of the sale of alcohol to visibly intoxicated persons or minors who subsequently cause death or injury to third parties as a result of alcohol-related crashes or other accidents.

The court found in this case that the Peoria tribes was immune from suit in state court for compact-based tort claims because Oklahoma State courts are not courts of competent jurisdiction as the term is used in the model gaming compact. The court also held that because Congress has not

expressly abrogated tribal immunity from private, state court Dram-Shop claims and because the Peoria tribes and its entities did not expressly waive their sovereign immunity by applying for and receiving a liquor license from the state of Oklahoma, the tribe is immune from Dram-Shop liability in state court.

According to ABLE Commission records, tribes with license include the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, which operates the Grand Casino in Shawnee, Okla., the Kickapoo and Tonkawa tribes and the Osage Nation. The Chickasaw Nation, which operates Riverwind Casino in Norman, Win Star World Casino in Thackerville, among others, uses an outside vendor to provide alcohol, so they would likely not be affected by a rule change, said a spokeswoman for the tribe.

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Benefit to assist in raising money for the Native American Transforming Vision (NATV) Scholarship.

This scholarship will be available to children that attend the Chickasaw Nation Boarding School, The Children’s Village, in Kingston, Okla. This school can house up to 80 students with 8 students per cottage. They are taken care of by a married couple known as dorm parents.

This scholarship will allow these children to have financial help for them to

attend any higher learning institution.

The NATV Scholarship was created to assist these children to transform their visions of their future into a reality.

To purchase tickets for the event or place donations, contact Cassandra Factor at (940) 206-6413 or Shelly Wall at (405) 428-8121.

You can also purchase tickets and make donations online with a paypal account at www.sites.google.com/site/natvscholarship. Thank you for your support.

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DIABETES

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States with approximately 81 million affected by some form of cardiovascular disease. More than 50 percent of all deaths result from poor heart health, this equates to 1 in every 4 deaths. Every 34 seconds an American has a heart attack, and every 60 seconds someone dies from heart disease.

Though these statistics are sobering, most deaths are preventable and even reversible through lifestyle modification, and daily food choices are a primary variable that will either damage or repair heart health. Diet directly effects blood sugar, pressure, and cholesterol, as well as excess weight and obesity; all are factors impacting heart disease risk.

Building a healthy lifestyle, increasing physical activity, maintaining a healthy weight, implement dietary changes, managing stress, and reducing exposure to tobacco smoke either by quitting smoking or by avoiding secondhand smoke, can significantly increase heart health and therefore reduce the risk for heart disease.

Specific dietary recommendations, as set by the 2010 Dietary Guidelines

for Americans, include eating foods low in saturated fat, trans fat, cholesterol, and sodium (salt), as well as increasing consumption of foods high in omega-3 fatty acids and fiber (i.e. fish and vegetables). Eating a well-balanced diet will incorporate whole-grains, lean proteins, fruits and vegetables, and low-fat dairy.

Saturated and trans fats are primarily found in high-fat meats, dairy products, and baked goods, as well as deep-fried and processed foods. Both kinds of fat increase LDL, or “bad” cholesterol levels. Instead, substitute for more plant proteins, fish, poultry, and low-fat dairy foods. When cooking, use oils high in monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fat, such as canola and olive oil, instead of butter, margarine, or shortening, as these are high in trans fat.

Another easy substitution is to switch refined-grains, such as rice, bread, and pasta, for whole-grain options, brown rice, quinoa, bulgur wheat, and 100 percent, whole-grain bread and pasta. Sip on water throughout the day instead of soda and fruit juices to limit sugary beverages.

Another strategy to reduce risk for heart disease is to be more active.

Heart Disease Awareness

By Tara Conway, MS, RD/LD, CDE
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

Regular, moderate physical activity reduces blood pressure and aids stress and weight management. Be physically active by finding something you enjoy and start at the level your body is ready for. This should be at least 10 minutes at a time.

Children and teens should aim for at least 60 minutes physical activity per day, and adults should get two hours and 30 minutes per week. Encourage your family to go for a walk after dinner or play a game of catch, basketball, or tag. However, if you are at high risk or already have heart disease, your first step should be to meet with a registered dietitian. Together with your healthcare team, the dietitian can help lower risk or improve existing conditions by developing a personalized eating and lifestyle plan.

Please contact the Diabetes Wellness Program for more information at (405) 422-7685.

Source: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics; 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans; American Heart Association; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; MedlinePlus; National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.



Honor Birthday Dance for Ervin Bull

Feb. 1, 2014 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Supper at 5:30 p.m. with dance to follow. Special invitation to the Kit Fox Society members. For more information contact Bernice Bull at (580) 323-8131 or (580) 309-0227.

Red Moon Powwow Benefit Dance

Feb. 2, 2014 at the Hammon Community Center in Hammon, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. with dance to follow. All proceeds will go towards the 2014 Red Moon Powwow. For more information contact Cheryl Carter at (580) 275-8387.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Governor/Lt. Governor’s Shareholder Meetings

All meetings begin at 6 :30 p.m. with meal and transportation provided.

Feb. 4 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla., Feb. 6 at the Canton Community Center in Canton, Okla., Feb. 11 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose bldg., in Watonga, Okla., and Feb. 13 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. For more information call (405) 422-7734.

Healthy Bites Cooking Class

12 noon, Feb. 5, 2014 at the Native American Church building in Concho, Okla., and 12 noon, Feb. 6, 2014 at the Clinton Indian Health Center, Outpatient Waiting Room in Clinton, Okla. For more information contact Kristie Purdy at (580) 331-3458.

80th Birthday Dance for Frankie Gilbert

Feb. 8, 2014 at the Geary Community Center in Geary, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. with dance to follow. Sponsored by the Southern Arapaho Gatherings and Events (SAGE). For more information contact Robert Tabor (405) 301-4558, Rodney Candy Fire (405) 884-1289 or Bob Sankey at (405) 698-6000.

BigMedicine and Hampton Birthday Honor Dance

Feb. 8, 2014 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose building in Watonga, Okla. Gourd dancing at 3 p.m. followed by supper at 5 p.m. Honorees are the grandchildren of James Daukei Sr., and Pauline White Tail of Watonga. Special invitation to Tribal Gifted and Talented students and tribal Sports Ambassadors, past and present. For more information call (580) 623-2218.

First Benefit and Silent Auction for the Native American Transforming Vision (NATV) Scholarship.

Feb. 8, 2014 at 23851 State Hwy. 74 in Purcell, Okla. The scholarship will be available to the children that attend the Children’s Village boarding school in Kingston, Okla. For more information contact Cassandra Factor at (940) 206-6413 or Shelly Wall at (405) 428-8121.

Oklahoma City Powwow Club Benefit Dance

Feb. 8, 2014 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dancing begins at 2 p.m. Grand Entry at 7 p.m. Two step contest, raffles, cake walk, arts and crafts. For more information contact Fran Cady (405) 329-1049 or Margaret Morgan at (405) 528-5026.

13th Birthday Dance for Claudia Saravia

Feb. 8, 2014 at the Seiling Community Center in Seiling, Okla. Supper at 4 p.m. with dance to follow. For more information contact Alisa Gonzales at (580) 273-2212 or Edwin Bull at (405) 301-2327.

2013 OSSAA 4-A Football State Championship Victory Powwow

Feb. 9, 2014 at the Anadarko Warrior gym in Anadarko, Okla. All Gourd dance, everyone welcomed to attend.

Red Moon Powwow Benefit Dance

Feb. 14, 2014 at the Hammon Community Center in Hammon, Okla. Supper at 6 p.m. with dance to follow. All proceeds will go towards the 2014 Red Moon Powwow. For more information contact Cheryl Carter at (580) 275-8387.

Oklahoma Indian Nations Sweetheart Dance

Feb. 15, 2014 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. Cake walk and raffles. All proceeds benefit the 2014 Oklahoma Indian Nations powwow.

Graduation Dance for Marvin Cato Garcia Jr.

March 15, 2014 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. with dance to follow.

Marvin is the son of Marvin Sr and Ann Marie Garcia. The grandson of Frances and the late Harry Garcia Sr., Corinne and the late John Washee Jr. He is the great-grandson of the late Sophie and Fred Limpy Jr., and the late Edward and Elizabeth Bull.

Special Memorial Services for Paul Travis Rhodes

April 11, 2014 Peyote meeting in Clinton, Okla. Supper at 5:30 p.m.

April 12, 2014 Gourd dance at 2 p.m., supper at 5:30 p.m. at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. For more information contact Donna Martin at (918) 606-1447 or (918) 321-2654.

Memorial Dance for Alta M. Pawnee and Lisa J. Pawnee

April 19, 2014 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 2 p.m. followed by supper at 5 p.m. Sponsored by the grandchildren of Alta M. Pawnee and the daughters and son of Lisa J. Pawnee. For more information call Wilma Redbird at (405) 537-1450.

Coyote Thoughts: New Year and Resilience

By Beau Washington, Tribal Tribune Correspondent

It’s the start of a new year. A lot of people make New Year’s resolutions like: lose weight, stop smoking, exercise more, save money, perhaps find Big Foot. You can add your own list to this. Sometimes our resolutions work and often they don’t. I stopped making New Year’s resolutions years ago because I seemed to forget about them and all my good intentions faded away. However, years ago I made a non-New Year’s resolution to understand resilience. Resilience is the ability to spring back after having a problem. I am happy to say I kept that resolution and that is why I write this column.

Some people are great at being resilient and others struggle. Resiliency is not just surviving; it is flourishing, making the best of life even through the hard times. Here’s where the sly Trickster comes in. Trickster Thoughts push us over the edge and tell us that something is going to be a problem when in fact, it might not be. Tricksters want to get the best of us, so their little lies are close to being true, but they are not true. They trick us into believing the worst. Everybody has Trickster Thoughts. Resilient people recognize them and chase them away when they come up.

It is easier to catch the Tricksters if

you know who they are. One sly offender is “Jumps to Conclusions.” Jumps will tell you things like: “We are going to lose the game” when it is only half time; “He is mad at me.” when in fact, the other person is only crabby about something else that has nothing to do with you; “She didn’t text me back. I must have said something wrong” when possibly she was only taking a nap or maybe her battery died.

“Knows the Future” Trickster actually pretends to tell the future and causes problems. Knows the Future will say things like: “They won’t hire you...so why try?”; “Don’t attend the party—you may see that person you don’t like” and you miss all the fun; “I know my boss is going to fire me” but doesn’t happen. The problem with believing Knows the Future is that you are mentally paying for a problem (stressing) before it happens. Most of the time believing what Knows says only keeps us from enjoying the day; Knows is often wrong. Don’t let Knows the Future win. The best answer to his messages is, “I don’t know.” It is better to acknowledge that you don’t know rather than guessing wrong and mentally paying for something that does not happen.

There is plenty of time to cry about

it after it happens, so don’t cry until it is time.

“Name Calling” Trickster wants to make us feel like losers. Name Calling will jump on us when we make a mistake. If you knock something over, Name Calling may say “I am so clumsy.” when you haven’t knocked anything over in years. So actually, most of the time you are not clumsy. Or, “I am stupid.” If you are reading this, you are not stupid. Tell the Trickster I said so. Here is the deadly one: “I am a loser.” Most of the time most things go right rather than wrong. The problem is when we believe the Trickster. Yup, they have you believing things that are not true and you will feel like a loser. Oh, those sly, lying Tricksters.

Resilience is refusing to believe the Tricksters’ lies. Instead we spring back to seeing what is true and accurate.

Everybody gets Tricksters Thoughts. The key is to recognize them and chase them away by looking for what is true. I hope you will think about learning the Trickster Thoughts as your New Year’s resolution. When you start to see the Trickster Thoughts for what they are, you will find that your resilience will increase. We owe it to our ancestors to flourish, and we can.



Photo by Lewis Tallbear

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ 5th Legislature, community development staff and tribal leaders meet for the first regular Legislative monthly session on Jan. 11, 2014.

The next regular session of the 5th Legislature will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014 at the Native American Church building in Concho, Okla.

Pictured l-r: Vince Scott, community development, Melvin Roman Nose, community development, Arapaho District 1 Legislator, Edward Mosqueda, Arapaho District 4 Legislator, Winslow Sankey, Legislative Clerk, Ramona Tallbear, Legislative Staff Attorney, John Parris, Chief Administrative Officer, Chris Roman Nose, Gov. Eddie Hamilton, Lt. Gov. Cornell Sankey, 5th Legislature Speaker, Bruce Whiteman and Cheyenne District 2 Legislator, Alan Fletcher.

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Happy Belated Birthday to our granddaughter Brody Hart-8 years old Love your family, The Harts, Joes and Whitemans



Happy 6th Birthday to our boss lady, Eryn Violet Ruth Roman Nose!!!! We love you so much and hope you enjoy your day!!!! Mommy, daddy, Chelle, Evan, and Carter!!!



Wishing our baby girls Hazel Ruby and Harper Pearl Gaines a very Happy Valentines Day. We love you too much. Mom and dad



Happy 3rd Birthday Three years ago today God blessed me with a beautiful gift, the birth of my son Izaiah Joseph. He came into this world at a perfect time ... and forever changed my life, he's made me stronger, wiser and has kept me sane, there's not a day that goes by that he doesn't amaze me. I don't know what I'd do without him, he's the reason for my smile everyday, I've given him life and he's given me a reason to live! Happy Birthday my son, Izaiah Joseph Racelis. You make me forever proud to say I'm your mama. Love you with all my heart babyboy. Love mom, Angie Racelis



Glory Violet Gray Feb. 10 Happy 1st Birthday Precious baby Glory Gray! You are a powwow baby who has already traveled around the world. You truly brought joy, love and happiness to our family. Your one of a kind. The moment everyone meets you, no one can help but fall in love with you instantly. You get excited when you see your favorite show, Sesame Street. We all know your favorite character is Murray. You dance when you hear music, you've got the beat. Love and happiness fills your heart. You are truly a blessing from God above. The Gray family

Happy Birthday I would like to wish my mother, Ida Hoffman a great Birthday! Feb. 3 Love your daughter, Kim

Happy Birthday Frank Michael Red Hat Feb. 2 Love, sister

Happy Birthday to my dearest Elissa Shimizu Feb. 5 Love, sister



I would like to wish my daughter, Sierra Seneca, a Happy 18th Birthday, Feb. 2! I am so proud of the young lady you are. Love mom, Seth, Levi and baby Tracy.

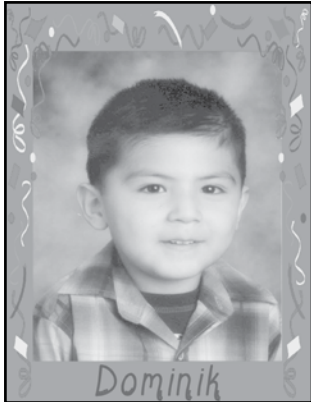
Happy Birthday Feb. 7 Juanita Starr Trout Love all your sisters!!

Happy Birthday Feb. 3 Nora Carolyn Magpie We miss you and hope you celebrate many more Birthdays to come! From all your sisters from Elk City

Happy Birthday Feb. 22 Ase Chalepah Love mom, dad and the whole gang from Elk City.

Happy Birthday Laura Beaver Feb. 23 Love your auntie, Kim

celebrating 35 years Happy 35th Wedding Anniversary Jan. 27 Raymond and Gail Chalepah Congratulations and may you have many more years together!



Happy Belated Birthday to our grandson Dominik Hart-4 years old Love your family, The Harts, Joes and Whitemans

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Happy Birthday Amos Beaver III Feb. 9 Love your sister, Kim



To our mom and grandma-Nadena Grant Have a Happy Birthday!! Feb. 13 We love you, Sabrina, Fred, Summer, Iris, Lauren, Kenzi and Penny Bo

Happy Birthday Amelia Beaver Feb. 7 Love your sister, Kim



Remembering Carl Bryce Keith April 4, 1980 – Jan. 20, 2012

Remembering Carl Bryce Keith born on April 4, 1980 who went to be with our Lord Jan. 20, 2012

Whose memory remains in our hearts forever, he always had a great big smile, big hugs, and his 'Big Love' he gave to everyone, always loved, always missed.

I'm free Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free;

I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard Him call; I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day to laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way; I found a peace at the close of the

day. If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss; Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

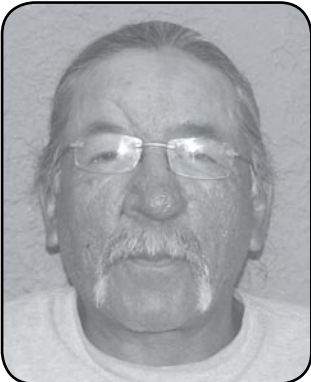
Be not burdened with times of sorrow; I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full; I savored much, good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief; don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me; God wanted me now, He set me free.

Obituaries



In Loving Memory Alan James Wolf Tongue Dec. 1, 1955-Jan. 12, 2014

An all night Wake Service was held for Alan James Wolf Tongue on Jan. 16, 2014 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 17, 2014 at the Concho Community Center followed by an Interment at the Concho Indian Cemetery.



In Loving Memory Henry Michael Bear July 4, 1960-Jan. 13, 2014

Henry Michael Bear, a resident of Morris, Okla. passed away on Jan. 13, 2014 at the age of 53. He was born July 4, 1960 to Lon and Susanna (Deerinwater) Bear in Phoenix, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Susanna Bear; sister, Dana Bear; grandson, Henry Delos Bear; grandmother, Annie Coker; cousins, Billy Noon and Beaver Deerinwater.

Survivors include his father, Lon Bear; son, Samuel Bear; daughter, Doris Bear; two brothers, Dale and Gaylan Bear; four sisters, Mary Billie, Diana Baker, Rosalie Deerinwater and Lonetta Fisher; four grandchildren, Michael Watts, Albert Bear, Knalaycia Bear and Jacob



Lujan Bear and numerous other relatives and friends.

Wake Services were held Jan. 16, 2014 at the Belvin Baptist Church in Okmulgee, Okla.

Funeral services were held Jan. 17, 2014 at the Belvin Baptist Church in Okmulgee, Okla.

Burial followed the service at the Bear Family Cemetery under the direction of the Jackson Funeral Home and Crematory in Okmulgee. Pallbearers were Jonas Yahola, Nathan Watts, Joe Domebo, Brian Tarpalechee, Loper Jones and Rick Sears.



In Loving Memory Arlene F. Kaulaity Sept. 16, 1957-Jan. 22, 2014

Arlene F. Kaulaity was born on Sept. 16, 1957 to Frances and Richenda (Cloudchief) Kaulaity.

She passed away on Jan. 22, 2014 in Oklahoma City at the age of 56.

Survivors include her children, Richenda Harris, Sarah Harris, Leroya Cozad, and Christy Cozad, 13 grandchildren, her nieces and nephews, Tristan Kaulaity, Terence Kaulaity, Feather Kaulaity, Raven Kaulaity, and Frances Kaulaity III, her sister, Betsy Hernandez, her aunt, Teresa Bear, as well as many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frances and Richenda Kaulaity,



In Loving Memory Denny George Old Crow Nov. 12, 1950-Jan. 17, 2014

A Wake Service was held for Denny George Old Crow on Jan. 20, 2014 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

Funeral services were held Jan. 21, 2014 at the Concho Community Center, followed by an Interment at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Fay, Okla.

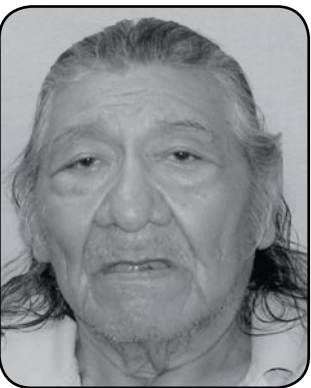
Funeral services were held Jan. 21, 2014 at the Concho Community Center, followed by an Interment at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Fay, Okla.



In Loving Memory Mary Martha Fletcher Feb. 3, 1953-Jan. 23, 2014

An all night Wake Service was held for Mary Martha Fletcher on Jan. 27, 2014 at the Clinton Community Center.

Funeral services were held Jan. 28, 2014 at the Koinonia Mennonite Church in Clinton, Okla., followed by an Interment at the Clinton Indian Cemetery.



In Loving Memory Franklin Delano Armstrong July 3, 1933-Jan. 13, 2014

An all night Wake Service was held for Franklin Delano Armstrong on Jan. 16, 2014 at the Rocksprings Baptist Church in Anadarko, Okla.

Funeral services were held Jan. 17, 2014 at the Rocksprings Baptist Church followed by an Interment at the Redstone Cemetery.



In Loving Memory Mary Martha Fletcher Feb. 3, 1953-Jan. 23, 2014

An all night Wake Service was held for Mary Martha Fletcher on Jan. 27, 2014 at the Clinton Community Center.

Funeral services were held Jan. 28, 2014 at the Koinonia Mennonite Church in Clinton, Okla., followed by an Interment at the Clinton Indian Cemetery.



CLASSIFIED SECTION

Employment: Submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcripts, valid copy of Oklahoma state driver’s license and a copy of CDIB to Personnel Department, P.O. Box 38, Concho, Okla. 73022 or email whaag@c-a-tribes.org.

On-call Facility
Attendant George Hawkins Memorial Treatment Center
Closing Date: Feb. 5, 2014

Receptionist/Intake Specialist GeorgeHawkins Memorial Treatment Center
Closing Date: Feb. 5, 2014

Qualifications:
Must have high school diploma or GED certification. Must have maintained at least one year of sobriety. Must have a telephone, a driver’s license and reliable transportation. Must be able to work flexible hours including holidays. Must be able to pass a physical exam with TB test. Random UA required. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

Salary Negotiable

Personnel Director
Dept. of Administration
Until Filled

Qualifications:
Incumbent must have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university in personnel administration, business administration, or a related field. Must have accumulated at least three years of verifiable personnel related work experience. Additional work experience may substitute for some formal college level education. Must have at least three years minimum supervisory experience. Must have the ability to supervise activities for staff members. Must successfully pass background investigation. Incumbent must have the ability to relate to the Indian and non-Indian communities. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference. Must be able to pass pre-hire drug screening and possess an Oklahoma driver’s license.

Salary Negotiable

Administrative Assistant
Personnel Dept.
Until Filled

Qualifications:
High school graduate or GED certified with a minimum of two years responsible general clerical and/or administrative experience or successful completion of a one year accredited secretarial training in administrative/business courses, plus one year of personnel related experience. Must demonstrate computer skills, knowledge and ability. Writing and interviewing skills preferred. Ability to type 50 wpm. Knowledge and skills in operating various office machines such as fax machine, copier, calculator. Ability to relate to both Indian and non-Indian communities. Oklahoma driver’s license required. Ability to attend in-state and out of state training. Ability to attend schooling for betterment of position. Ability to be a supervisor or to supervise other staff. Good disposition, extreme patience, professionalism, and confidentiality a must. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference. Able to pass background investigation.

Salary Negotiable

REQUEST FOR LABOR QUOTES
Licensed Electrical Contractors

Selection of contractor will be based on experience, qualifications, costs and Indian preference.

All bids will be opened in a public location.

Any bids received after 5 p.m., Feb. 7, 2014 will not be opened.

All items in the bid envelope will be recorded.

All contractors that submit a quote or bid will be notified by mail.

All bids will be opened at the following location listed below:

Concho Education Building, Rm 101, 200 Wolf Robe Circle, Concho, OK 73022

Please send all quotes to

the Community Development Department, P.O. Box 167, Concho, Okla. 73022

ALL BIDS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FEB. 7, 2014.

Each Bid shall be rated by selection community.

Scope of Work: Replacement of existing ballasts from T12 fluorescent lamps to energy efficient T8 lamps with a total of 407 ballasts and 814 lamps.

Locations: Four Tribal Direct Service Buildings in Clinton, Okla.,

Three Direct Service Buildings in Concho, Okla.

Community Development Program will furnish all ballasts and lamps.

Chickasha Realty
2210 S. 16th
Chickasha, OK 73018

Office: 405/224.4298
Cell: 405/824.0965
Fax: 405/224.1382
fielder@suddenlink.net


Patricia Jim
Realtor

Dear Editor

April 19, 2013

Jimmy A. Tahchawwickah #592609

Lawton Correctional Facility

8607 Southeast Flowermound Road

Lawton, OK 73501

Re: Cobell Settlement

Dear Mr. Tahchawwickah:

Thank you for recent letter to Mr. Dennis Gingold. Mr. Gingold no longer represents the Cobell class, and your letter was forwarded to me. I understand from the Claims Administrator that you are a member of both the historical accounting class and the \$1000. Every member of the historical

accounting class received a payment of \$1000. This was in recognition of the fact that the government had been unable to perform a true historical accounting of the trust. There are approximately 328,000 historical accounting class members.

The deadline for filing trust administration class was March 1, 2013. There is a period for consideration of claims and for individuals to seek review of any denial of claims. Once the members of the trust administration class have been identified, trust administration payments will be made. These final payments will be made in the fall of 2013 at the earliest.

One billion nine hundred thousand dollars of the settlement was set aside to be used as part of the Indian Land Consolidation program. A serious impediment to managing the trust has been the large number of highly fractioned land interests. This program allows trust beneficiaries to sell their land if they desire if the government has an interest in purchasing it. The land interests will be considered at the tribal level.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,
David C. Smith
Attorney
Kilpatrick Townsend
Attorneys at Law

PUBLIC NOTICE
Culture & Heritage Program
Starting Feb. 15, 2014

The Culture and Heritage Program would like to announce, that we will be reinstating the rental fees to all Community Halls, and NAC Buildings

If you should have any concerns about our decision, please feel free to contact us here at the office Ext: 27433 or 27704

Cheyenne and Arapaho Health Board
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Anyone interested in serving on the Cheyenne and Arapaho Health Board or for more information, please call Eagle Runningwater at (405) 422-7695, toll free at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27695 for email erunningwater@c-a-tribes.org.

Letter to the Editor Comanche Nation College

Comanche Nation College (CNC) was created to serve the educational needs of our Comanche people by preparing them for a lifetime of success in their chosen field of work. Our associate degree programs (two year programs) give them a head start to a bachelor’s and graduate degree at a four-year college or the completion of a certificate program by tribal members. Many of our Comanche students say that they like the small classes and individual attention they get at the college. They have the opportunity to learn the Comanche language and culture, both of which can only be taught at a tribal school like CNC.

Recent articles in The Lawton Constitution and television coverage have misrepresented CNC. We, the Board of Trustees, would like to address these inaccuracies.

The Comanche Nation College has been in existence for eleven years. A major task in the development of new colleges is to work toward accreditation. On Aug. 12, 2009, the process to request participation with the North Central Association, Higher Learning Commission (NCA-HLC) accrediting body began. On Nov. 2, 2012, the NCA-HLC announced to the College that initial candidacy for accreditation, the first stage, had been achieved. The accreditation process is a long demanding one that can take a significant number of years to accomplish. Full accreditation for the college, is expected to be received in 2016. Comanche Nation College is the first tribal college in Oklahoma and the first to have achieved initial candidacy for accreditation. A significant result of candidacy for accreditation is that all student credit hours can be transferred to any four-year institution.

As of the 2012 academic year, 13 students graduated

with associate degrees, 33 students completed the GED program, and nine completed certificates in the nursing program. Since 2005, 4173 students have been academically served by the college. We are proud of these initial successes. Education is a critical need for Comanche people and is a path to overcome unemployment and poverty. Programs at CNC prepare students to move on to four-year institutions and provide them opportunities to gain the knowledge and skills needed to be competitive in our complex world.

CNC is a significant change from the boarding school model of Fort Sill Indian School, where students were punished for speaking their language and practicing their culture. At CNC, they are rewarded for speaking their language, learning and practicing traditional cultural ways.

Recently, Commander John Herrington, the first

Native American astronaut, spoke to nearly 200 Indian students about the importance of education, setting goals and working hard to achieve those goals. CNC was recognized in the Chronicle of Higher Education, Diversity in Academe: “Comanche Nation College Tries to Rescue a Lost Tribal Language,” June 14, 2013. CNC also held our eleventh Film Festival and storytelling session with our elder, Videll Yackeschi, leading the way.

Our tribal leadership and elders had the foresight and knowledge to create CNC. It is an investment for our people that is paying dividends today and will pay even more in the future as the college grows. Comanche Nation College strives to remember the seventh generation of students who will be educated at their own college.

Submitted by Lotsee Paterson, Ph.D. for the Comanche Nation College Board of Trustees

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Tribal Roll #8458)

Petitioner) Case No: CIV-2013-0121
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THERON GERALD STARR)
Deceased)

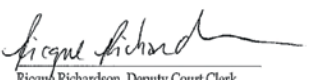
Respondent)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to:

You are hereby notified that Anita Yellow Eagle has filed in this Court a Petition For Determination of Paternity requesting that a court order be issued naming Theron Gerald Starr the birth Father. A Hearing has been set on the 19TH day of FEBRUARY, 2014 at 10:00 A.M., in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

Dated this 16TH day of January, 2014.


Rique Richardson, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
Anita Yellow Eagle
9751 N. Hwy 54
Weatherford, OK 73096

Cheyenne and Arapaho Food Distribution Program
FEBRUARY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Office Hours: 8 AM to 5 PM Store Hours: 9 AM to 3:30 PM Office Phone: 405-422-7873 Fax: 405-422-8261 Toll Free: 1-888-747-9520						1
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Food Distribution Green House Project
*****WEATHER PERMITTING*****
FEBRUARY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Daryn West-Green House Project Coordinator Karen Bigfoot-Green House Assistant Direct Extension: 405-422-7879 USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.						1.
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23.	24. Watonga 8a-5p	25. Clinton Headstart Garden Ed. for HS students	26. Watonga 8a-5p	27. Gardening Class 11a-2p Watonga Multi- Purpose Center	28. Watonga 8a-5p	

ATHLETES
SPOTLIGHT

Interview and photo by
Rebecka Lyman

Together Everyone Achieves More

Michael Jones, is a 6'1" senior who exerts himself on and off the court for the El Reno Varsity Basketball team.

When did you first begin playing?

I started playing in the first grade on the playground at school.

What is it about the sport that you love the best?

I really haven't thought about that. I would have to say the showing off my abilities, showing people that I have the IQ for the game.



Photo By Glen Miller, El Reno Tribune

What has been your biggest accomplishment in the sport so far?

Going to the state finals when I was a freshman. We got runner up, but it was a good experience.

What is your GPA (if known)?

I think it is a 3.5 or 3.6.

What are some of your goals, (sports, life, school)?

Hosting regionals here, winning state and going to college to play basketball.

What actions are you taking to reach these goals?

Play hard, get smarter about the game and work on little things, shooting, dribbling and working out to get faster and stronger. To help me get to college work on my SAT score, my GPA is fine. I would just like a higher score.

What has been the most exciting game you have played in?

Probably the most exciting game was in my eighth grade year at Darlington when we won state.

What work out routine do you have for training in your sport?

I just try to lift weights when I get the chance to.

What are one or two things in your training, that you feel are keys to you being successful in your sport?

Getting stronger at finishing with my left hand at the rim and shooting with my left hand.

What is your favorite meal before or after a game?

I really don't have a certain meal, I will just munch out on anything after game.

Who has had the biggest impact on your life?

My mom, no matter how hard things may get she is always there.

What are some of your hobbies (what do you like to do when not playing sports)?

Playing the PS3.

What kinds of music do you enjoy listening to?

I like rap music.

What is one thing about you that no one else knows?

I like to play Suduko, I have it on my phone and I



play it all the time.

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?

I don't really know what I would change. I wish I could change racial comments and prejudice.

What do you someday dream of doing?

Be an engineer.

Who is your favorite athlete of all time?

I have two favorite athletes, Lebron James and Darren Williams

Which team is your favorite team?

The Heat and the Nets.

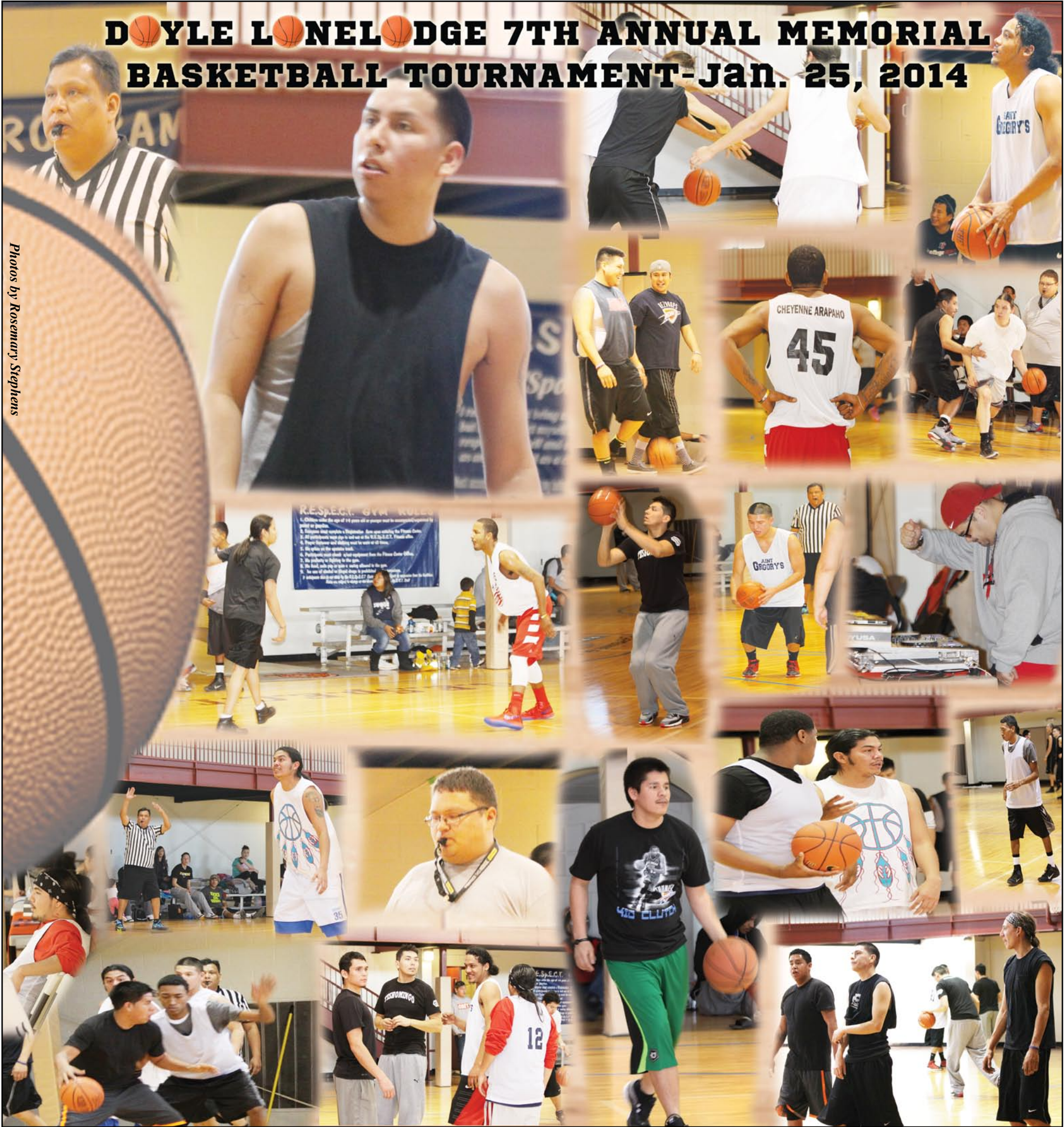
What are your plans after graduating high school?

I want to go to college somewhere and get a part time job at the college.

What would be your advice to younger kids coming up behind you?

Have leadership qualities and don't be a follower.

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Photos by Rosemary Stephens

